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Mr. Edward R. Niles and Mr. Milton Sidley  
29350 Pacific Coast Highway No.9  
Malibu, CA 90265

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
CLAIM NO. 7002 2030 0005 8075 5118

Dear Mr. Niles and Mr. Sidley:

**GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER SYSTEMS FOR EDWARD R. NILES AND MILTON SIDLEY (OFFICE BUILDING, 29178 HEATHERCLIFF ROAD, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA) (FILE NO. 03-125)**

We have completed our review of your application for Waste Discharge Requirements for domestic wastewater generated from the above-mentioned facility to an on-site septic disposal system.

Edward R. Niles and Milton Sidley own the property located at 29178 Heathercliff Road in the Point Dume area of Malibu. The property is a two-story office building, approximately 6,500 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) in size, on a 14,759-ft<sup>2</sup> lot. It is located a quarter of a mile from the ocean and 800 feet from a blueline stream. Based on the water bill for two months (March to May 2003), the average volume of domestic wastewater discharged from the facility is estimated at approximately 536 gallons per day (gpd) and the discharger estimates a maximum discharge of 1,000 gpd. Wastewater flows from a 1,500-gallon septic tank to four seepage pits; each seepage pit is six feet wide and 38 feet deep. The depth to groundwater at the site is uncertain. With a 38-foot deep seepage pit, the bottom of the disposal system and the water table may not have a minimum 10-foot vertical separation.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in the general permit of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems," adopted by the State Board on November 18, 1997.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), consisting of Order No. 97-10-DWQ, Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-10-DWQ (Attachment A), Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8696 and Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements (Attachment B). Please note that your discharge must meet the groundwater quality objectives set in the Regional Board's *Water Quality Control Plan for Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties* (Basin Plan) which was adopted on June 13, 1994 and amended on January 27, 1997. The Basin Plan incorporates applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations.

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In addition, the State Board adopted a revised *Water Quality Control Plan for the Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan). The State of California Office of Administrative Law and the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the revised plan on July 9, 2001 and December 3, 2001, respectively. The revised plan contains water quality objectives for coastal waters of California. Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 8696 includes receiving water limitations that implement the Ocean Plan.

Although your discharge is enrolled under the general permit (Order No. 97-10-DWQ), it will be reviewed periodically. Based on the technical information pertaining to your septic disposal system and/or groundwater, the Regional Board Executive Officer may determine that the discharge would be better regulated under another general WDR or a specific WDR. Once the decision is made, you will be notified within 30 days before any Regional Board action. If the discharge is regulated under another general WDR, or a specific WDR, which requires board action, the applicability of Order No. 97-10-DWQ is immediately terminated on the effective date of the issuance of a new WDR.

The Regional Board is increasingly concerned about the aggregate effects of discharges from individual and community subsurface disposal systems on the Malibu watershed and groundwater's. At this time, these WDRs are being issued to regulate an individual disposal system. Future requirements, however, may require the discharge to be connected to a community collection system, or future requirements may require consistency with the WDRs established for a community collection system.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to CI No. 8696, which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 97-10-DWQ to the applicant only. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Kwangil Lee at (213) 620-2269 or Dionisia Rodriguez at (213) 620-6122.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: See List of Enclosures

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List of Enclosures

1. State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ- *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*
  - a) Attachment A: State Water Resources Control Board Monitoring and Reporting Program
  - b) Attachment B: Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements
2. Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 8696

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